with the officials of the neighbouring States; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; introduction of scientific methods of investigation; modernisation of communication network, etc.

Persons arrested in connection with recent Bomb Blast in Bombay

327. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of persons arrested in connection with the recent bomb blast in Bombay;

(b) the names of those who are wanted by the police but have not been arrested, including those who have fled the country and what steps are being taken to arrest them;

(c) the item-wise detail of arms, explosives and other related material so far seized in Maharashtra;

(d) the names of persons whose property has been sealed or attached in connection with the bomb-blasts in Bombay; and

(e) whether Government have come across evidence of involvement of foreign agencies in the crime; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Yes, Sir. The details in this connection are contained in the statement laid on the Table of this Sabha by the Minister for Home Affairs on 27th April, 1993.

Economic package for Bodo Youth

328. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are working out any package of economic incentives for Bodo youths in Assam for a durable solution to militancy after signing of tripartite accord with Bodos; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Settlement was signed between the Government of Assam and All Bodo Students Union/Bodo Peoples' Action Committee on 20th February 1993. The objective of this Scheme is to provide maximum autonomy within the framework of the Constitution to the Bodos for social, economic, educational, ethnic and cultural advancement. No proposal for economic incentives for Bodo youth has been received from the Government of Assam.

329. [Transferred to the 4th May, 1993].

Regularising the service of persons engaged in 1991 Census

330. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that persons recruited in 1991 for census work are continuing on ad-hoc basis awaiting their regularisation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that persons engaged on ad-hoc basis for 1971 and 1981 census have been absorbed in different Governments;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to retrench the persons engaged in 1991 for census work;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for discrimination against the persons engaged in 1991 and whether Government propose to regularize their services in accordance with the labour laws and also to give age relaxation for the purpose; if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As in 1971 and 1981 Census, in 1991 Census also, for specific time bound temporary work of manual compilation, tabulation, edit and coding of census data, a large number of persons were engaged on consolidated salary basis for stipulated periods.

In 1971 and 1981 Census, the services of such persons ended on the stipulated dates. Similarly for 1991 Census, the services of persons engaged in compilation and tabulation stood terminated after the job was over on the scheduled dates. Only a small number of such temporary staff are continuing on contract for edit and coding work and they will be disengaged on completion of the contract period.

As in 1971 and 1981, the Government have issued circulars giving some concessions to such temporarily engaged census staff, such as relaxation in age, priority in employment through Employment Exchange, absorption against vacancies in some categories of posts in Census Organisation provided they fulfil the recruitment qualifications etc. The Home Minister has also addressed letters to Chief Ministers & Lt. Governors of States/Union Territories for providing similar concessions in respect of State Government/Union Territory jobs.

No count has been kept about the persons appointed in Government jobs on the basis of these concessions after 1971 or 1981 Census.

Dual citizenship to NRIs and Related benefit

331. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Non Resident Indians approached the Prime Minister for granting dual citizenship during his visit to Thailand;

(b) what are the benefits they sought by obtaining dual citizenship;

(c) whether Government are considering to grant those benefits and concessions without granting dual citizenship; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B CHAVAN) : (a) to (d) During the Press Conference held in Bangkok on 9th April, 1993, a question regarding grant to dual citizenship was raised. The Prime Minister stated that this question has been posed for quite long time and if a solution had been easy, it would have been sorted out long ago. There are almost insurmountable difficulties in evolving a pattern by which NRIs can have the benefits and concessions without granting dual citizenship.

Progress in the case regarding Acid attack on Ms. Chandralekha

332. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 3709 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th March, 1993 and state :

(a) whether any or some or or all of the accused in the acid attack case of the former IAS officer Ms. V. S. Chandralekha have jumped bail;

(b) if so, the dates on which they failed to make the appearance in Court;

(c) the steps taken by the State law enforcement authorities to retrieve the evading and offencing accused who have jumped bail;

(d) the status of the case at the present juncture; and

(e) whether in view of the Inter-State nature of the crime and the victim being an IAS woman officer, whether the Centre proposes to institute a CBI inquiry into the acid attack ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes. All the accused have jumped the bail.

(b) Chokkamore, Anna @ Annadurai and Sunil Damodar Parde failed to appear before the Court from 15-12-92 and Surula @ Sudalimuthu from 15-2-93.

(c) A special police party consisting of a Sub-Inspector of Police, one Head Constable and two Police Constables has been formed for arresting the accused.